

DEMOCRATS ADOPT A POLICY

CAUCUS OF SENATORS AGREE AS

**They Accept Puerto Rico and Hawaii
American Territory and Favor the
Extension of All Our Laws Over It—Ad-
ministration Philippine Policy Oppos-**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Democratic
ators to-day held their first caucus since
Administration's policy with respect to
now possessions has been at least

certed action with respect to that policy will
it shall come before the Senate in the shape
proposed legislation. As a rule the lin
action agreed upon at this caucus is one of
position. In one thing only does there
appear to have been an agreement with

regard to his proposition for free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico. This course, is because such free interchange of traffic between Puerto Rico and the United States is in the direction of free markets, which is the fundamental principle of

In to-day's caucus there was a free interchange of views, and by common consent a programme was agreed upon, although no question of any kind was put and no

Puerto Rico and Hawaii as United States territory without questioning that fact. The one came by annexation, to which the Senate was a party, while the other became the territory of this Government through the cession by Spain of her sovereignty. A fine distinction

accept the one, but reject the other. Having accepted Puerto Rico under the treaty Spain having ceded her sovereignty, the Democrats hold that all the laws of the United States become operative there and in Hawaii too, and for that reason they will favor the extension of our tariff laws to both islands and the establishment of all duties as between the

They decided to oppose everything that led to a continuance of the military government established by this Government in Cuba, to insist upon the speedy redemption of the pledge to establish an independent and stable government in that island.

advanced by the Administration. The Board resolution, said one of the Senators who attended the caucus, represented the views of Democrats. "We favor the suppression of the insurrection," said this Senator, "but believe it would speedily stop if the Democratic idea were followed. If we declare our intention not to hold the islands per-

That is what we contended for, and the Democrats will be content with nothing short of that."

OLYMPIA'S PET PIG IN COURT
Dispute in Boston as to the Ownership

Boston, Jan. 24.—"Sagasta," the pet pig of Admiral Dewey's crew and the mascot of the flagship Olympia, figured in a Municipal case here to-day. Olaf Olsen, formerly bowman of the Olympia, brought the pig here from Cavité with him and when the Olympia was at Cavité, he was the mascot of the ship.

over to Arthur Olsen, a boarding-house keeper in the north end, to look after. He then arranged to exhibit the pig for \$25 a week, was ordered to Portsmouth, N. H., before pig was sent to the store.

keeper refused to make further payment him for fear that the real owner might claim for the money. Arthur Olsen says Olaf gave the pig to him outright, but he denied by Olaf. The case is in court to determine the ownership.

Pneumonia Followed the Suffocation Underwent in Fifty-ninth Street.
Capt. Edward Tobin of Engine 23, who injured in the back by a fall and overcame smoke at a fire two weeks ago at 310 W. Fifty-ninth street, died in Roosevelt Hospital.

cause of death. He had been in the Fire department for a long time and for several years was in command at Fire Headquarters at 166 West Sixty-seventh street. At the fire in Fifty-ninth street he led his men repeatedly into an infernal smoke caused by a confined fire between a pitchpine floor and a wooden ceiling. The

FIRE SWEEPS TWO MINING TOWNS
Not a Business Block Left in Ward, Co.

Bourbon, Col., Jan. 24.—Fire started morning in the town of Ward and not a business house is left standing. The wind blowing a gale and an inadequate water supply left the town at the mercy of the flames. The loss is from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Ward located in 1879. It is supposed that between

At Lafayette, a coal mining town, also in Boulder county, seventy-five families are homeless to-night. Almost every house in the town was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is at \$100,000, and falls principally on the North Coal Company. Exactly ten years ago to-day Lafayette was visited by a destructive cyclone.

**Report Abroad That He Is to Be Chief
Police of Summit.**

SUMMIT, N. J., Jan. 24.—The adoption of
amendment to the police ordinance giving
Police Commissioner *L. E. Sargent* the right to

power to appoint a Chief of Police to a without compensation, has led to the report that Anthony Comstock is to have the position. This report has caused all law breakers in the vicinity to shiver with fear. Mr. Comstock, resident of Summit and as such is eligible for the office of Chief of Police.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 24.—Word has reached here from Hindman, Ky., up in the mountains, that a fight between United States marshals and moonshiners took place near the edge of Breathitt county on Monday, while a raid was being made on a still. The deputy collector of

four men aided a large skiff. They encountered two men who showed fight. Bud Noble, Jew of the moonshiners, was shot and killed. Horton.

Deer Captured in Portsmouth, N. H.
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 24.—Shortly before daylight this morning a full-grown deer was

seen running through a thickly settled part of the city. It came to the Boston and Maine Railroad station, paused momentarily at the door and then dashed through and out upon Bridge street. A crowd of boys and men gave chase, but the animal was too fleet for them, and if it had not been for a setter dog that worried his heels, he might have

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